

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1378**OFFERED BY MR. MARKEY**

Page 2, line 20, strike “and”.

Page 3, strike the period at the end of line 13 and insert “; and”.

Page 3, after line 13, insert the following new paragraph:

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(g) RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSES . -

4 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—Out of amounts au-
5 thorized under subsection (a), there are authorized
6 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary
7 to carry out this subsection.

8 “(2) RESPONSE REQUIREMENT.—Whenever the
9 Office of Pipeline Safety has received recommenda-
10 tions from the National Transportation Safety
11 Board regarding pipeline safety, it shall submit a
12 formal written response to each such recommenda-
13 tion within 90 days after receiving the recommenda-
14 tion. The response shall indicate whether the Office
15 intends—

1 “(A) to carry out procedures to adopt the
2 complete recommendations;

3 “(B) to carry out procedures to adopt a
4 part of the recommendations; or

5 “(C) to refuse to carry out procedures to
6 adopt the recommendations.

7 “(3) **TIMETABLE** FOR COMPLETING PROCE-
8 DURES AND REASONS FOR REFUSALS.-A response
9 under paragraph (2) (A) or (B) of this subsection
10 shall include a copy of a proposed timetable for com-
11 pleting the procedures. A response under paragraph
12 (2)(B) of this subsection shall detail the reasons for
13 the refusal to carry out procedures on the remainder
14 of the recommendations. A response under para-
15 graph (2)(C) of this subsection shall detail the rea-
16 sons for the refusal to carry out procedures to adopt
17 the recommendations.

18 “(4) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—The Office shall
19 make a copy of each recommendation and response
20 available to the public, including in electronic form.

21 “(5) **REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**-The Office shall
22 submit to Congress on January 1 of each year for
23 which funds are authorized pursuant to this Act a
24 report describing each recommendation on pipeline
25 safety made by the National Transportation Safety

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- 1 Board to the Office during the prior year and the
- 2 Office's **response to each** recommendation.”.